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# **MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS PRISON FOR ALIEN SMUGGLING RESULTING IN DEATH OF 16 YEAR-OLD ILLEGAL ALIEN**

**TUCSON, ARIZ.** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 13, 2004, Geovanny Rubio-Anaya a.k.a. Juan Manuel Quintana-Lugo, D.O.B. 1/12/76, a Mexican National, was sentenced by Federal District Court Judge Raner C. Collins to 57 months prison after having pled guilty to Transportation of an Illegal Alien Resulting in Death and Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens, both felonies, in federal district court in Tucson.

Rubio-Anaya had been charged with various counts involving alien smuggling in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324. On August 7, 2003, federal law enforcement agents observed numerous suspected undocumented aliens loading into the bed of a parked truck near the Village of Queenswell outside of Sells, Ariz. The agents pulled up in front of the truck which had Rubio-Anaya as the driver. When the agents identified themselves

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as law enforcement agents, Rubio-Anaya backed up and then went forward fleeing from the scene. In doing so, a 16 year-old female undocumented alien fell out of the bed of the truck and was subsequently run over by Rubio-Anaya. The girl was caught under the moving vehicle and was killed instantly. After crashing the truck into a tree, Rubio-Anaya ran off but was apprehended by federal agents. Rubio-Anaya told agents that he intended to pick up the group of undocumented aliens and take them to Phoenix where he would be paid per illegal alien.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department.

The prosecution is being handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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